

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 16th January 2025 7.30pm

Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)	P
Cllr John Little (Vice-Chairman)	P
Cllr John Cooper	P
Cllr Nigel Reid	P
Cllr David Brown	P
Cllr M Himbury	P
Cllr S Culhane	P
P = present at the meeting	

Apologies	Cllr J Walthoe Cllr Jan Warwick HCC
In attendance	Becky Pickles (Clerk), Cllr Horrill WCC

24/25 – 75 **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies noted as above

24/25 - 76 **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (DPI's) and other significant interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
None noted.

24/25 - 77 **Minutes of Meeting of 14th November 2024**

- **To approve and sign the minutes**
The minutes had previously been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chair.
- **To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising.

24/25 - 78 **Public Participation**
No members of the public were present.

24/25 – 79 **County and City Councillor's Report**
County Councillor Warwick submitted her report ahead of the meeting (see attached)
City Councillor Horrill submitted her report ahead of the meeting (see attached). City Councillor Horrill gave additional information and answered Councillors question regarding devolution and local reform. Hampshire and Solent Authorities will reduce the number of councillors and authority districts, removing all district councils and making four or five unitary authorities. Boundaries are likely to stay, and authorities will have to join with other authorities. Portsmouth and Southampton cannot stay as they are and must join with other authorities, discussions will take place on how this will look. There will be discussions with Parish Councils as it is likely that they will have more to do. There will be an election for a new Mayor for the authority who will be responsible for strategic planning, police and crime commission, economic development and infrastructure. Parish Councils may get more responsibility for works such as grass cutting and verges etc. The likely timeframe is that the local elections in May 2025 will be deferred for a year at the most. Elections for the Mayor and County Councillors will take place in 2026 and in 2027 a shadow authority will be elected. By-elections will still go ahead, and vacancies will be filled. It is anticipated that one councillor will represent 6-7,000 meaning bigger areas with less councillors, everything will shrink with significant savings.

Cllr Wood explained that Sparsholt Parish Council had been invited to a meeting via Teams on Wednesday 5th February at 17:45 regarding devolution and, as she is unable to attend, asked for a volunteer to attend.

Action: Cllr to attend Teams meeting 5th February

City Councillor Horrill informed the council that there will be a meeting next week about Three Maids Hill new AD Development to meet the developer on Thursday 23rd January at lunch time, Cllr Wood confirmed that she would attend the meeting. City Cllr Horrill will provide a contact number.

Action: Cllr Horrill to provide a contact number for Cllr Wood

24/25 – 80 **Traffic signs and repairs (Cllr Horrill)**
Some traffic signs are missing, and they are on a list to chase up. Cllr Horrill is waiting to be contacted about road sweeping, she has given a list of the roads provided by the Chair that we would like swept. The requests via Cllr Walthoe for road painting and road signs have been sent in, although, no response back yet. The college needs to apply for the brown sign directing college traffic away from Church Lane. Cllr Horrill is still chasing bin officer as not had a reply yet. The Woodman Close sign has disappeared and will ask for it to be replaced.

Traffic and road Safety Plans (Cllr Walthoe)

Cllr Walthoe gave his apologies and was not at the meeting. Moved to February Agenda.

24/25 - 81 **Portfolio Reports**
The Portfolio reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and are attached.

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- Highways
See attached report.
- Footpaths and Open Spaces and Ham Farm –
- See attached report.
The Council agreed to support the Sparsholt College application to divert the footpath and complete the consultation document
Action: Cllr Cooper to complete the consultation document and send back to college
Dog fouling signage was discussed, and it was agreed that Malcolm Hewson would explore signage options.
- Playground
See attached report.
All councillors agreed to the funding for the repairs to the playground to take place.
Action: Cllr Brown to organise repairs
- Sparsholt Memorial Hall
See attached report.
It was noted that a wheelchair access to the Memorial Green would be completed by a local builder free of charge.
- Sparsholt School – Verbal report from Cllr Horrill
The school have had their OFSTED and SIAMS inspections. It is now involved in a United Nations Project which includes a lot of fitness and health activities. There is always something that needs repairing and sorting, there is ongoing work at the pond and with outdoor learning, Sparsholt College is helping. The number of children requesting to come is less children than we would like. There are too many school places throughout Hampshire.
- Sparsholt Shop
See attached report.
The quote for work on the damp in the shop was approved subject to confirmation that the person is reliable, with recommendations and previous track record. Cllr Reid agreed to Action this.
- Communication
Nothing significant to report
- Security
See attached report.
- Transport
Nothing significant to report.

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SLR (Cllr Walthoe)

The Clerk gave an update. information is being obtained regarding the guidance on possible sites etc. The Clerk is in email contact with the Clerk from Hursley and is organising to have a telephone conversation with her to find out more information on the matter.

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Planning

- To review and comment on planning applications

New Applications

07/01/25	24/02648/HOU	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt Winchester Hampshire SO21 2NW	Proposed alterations to the South and West garden terraces, forming part of the grounds designated as Grade II on the list of Registered Parks and Gardens, with the following objectives: - To restore the existing Inigo Triggs garden back to its former glory in terms of planting and maintenance - To re-instate elements lost over time - To create new garden spaces accommodating changes to the building reflective of modern life in which large bodies of household staff do not exist and families use the interior of houses in a different way to the early 20th century	Current
<i>Sparsholt Parish Council supports this application</i>				
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21/11/24	24/02684/HCS	Crabwood Sarum Road Winchester Hampshire SO22 5QS	Consultation copy - To change the use of land east of Lanham Lane from agricultural land to a dog walking facility (Sui Generis Use Class) at Crabwood, Sarum Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5QS	Current – Objection raised decision
<i>HCC Planning Committee to be held in March - WCC has put an objection in and there may be a delay in light of the objection.</i>				
18/12/24	24/02757/LIS	Lainston House Hotel Stockbridge Road Sparsholt	Internal redecoration and application of decorative features to some existing spaces within the hotel	Current
<i>This application has now been permitted</i>				
13/12/24	24/02718/HOU	Keepers Cottage Dean Lane Sparsholt	Single storey rear extension, single storey front extension with porch roof.	Current
25/11/24	24/02554/DIC	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Discharge of condition 7 (landscaping) of application 23/02097/LIS.	Current
22/11/24	24/02515/TPC	Wheathill Church Lane Sparsholt	T1 - Maple, Crown lift to approx 5m. T2 - Beech, Crown lift by raised beds to 5m and cut back by 2m. T3 - Hornbeam, Crown lift to 3-4m. T4 - Ash, Fell T5 - Field Maple, Crown Lift to 5m	Current
<i>This application has now been permitted</i>				
6/11/24	24/02411/DIC	Sparsholt College Westley Lane	Original application: 23/02322/FUL Condition: 9 (External Lighting) Please find attached separate covering letter outlining the information being submitted for approval	Current
<i>This application has now been permitted</i>				
29/11/24	24/02598/HOU	The Woodman Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Two storey and single storey rear extension with internal alterations.	Current

Current Applications

29/10/24	24/02348/HOU	Elizabeth Vaine Cottage Church Lane Sparsholt	External alterations - the installation of two mechanical extract ducting through thatch on the front elevation, and a drill hole for cooker extraction.	Current
29/10/24	24/02349/LIS	Elizabeth Vaine Cottage Church Lane Sparsholt	Internal alterations and upgrading together with minor external alterations.	Current

Recent decisions

7/10/24	24/02183/HOU	Little Sheddons Ham Green	Erection of ground and first floor extensions and new detached garage with accommodation over	Permitted
2/12/24	24/02622/DIC	Church Farm Cottages Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Soil Verification Report	Permitted
9/12/24	24/02666/DIC	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Discharge of condition 8 (method statement for paint removal) of application 23/02097/LIS.	Permitted

24/25 – 84 Finance Recommendations as set out in the Finance Subcommittee Report

- a. **Budget/Actual report for 2024-2025**
As the January Finance meeting did not take place a report will be produced for the February meeting
- b. **Accounts update for January 2025**
The Councillors approved payments PV38 to PV54
- c. **Review Records Management Policy**
This policy will be reviewed at the next Finance meeting.
- d. **Scheme of Delegation**
All councillors agreed to update this policy with no changes.

The meeting closed at 8:48pm. The next meeting is on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7.30pm.